

STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

Bingabing

Maui County Priority Pest for Maui:

Bingabing (*Macaranga mappia*) is a fast growing tree that forms dense thickets that shade out other plants on the islands of Oahu and Hawai'i. This distinctive small tree has columnar stems and large umbrella like leaves.

Identification

Height- up to 5 to 10 m (23 to 33 ft)

Flower- pink, petal-less; in clusters near end of stalk

Leaves- round umbrella-like leaves 60 - 100 mm (1 - 4 in) long; stem attached to middle of leaf



Bingabing's are "leggy"



Pink petal-less flower



Bingabing thicket in Hilo, HI

Don't mistake Bingabing for these look-alikes:



Parasol leaf tree

Parasol leaf tree (*Macaranga tanarius*)

This relative of bingabing has already escaped into the wild on West Maui. It can be distinguished from bingabing by its smaller leaves (60-100 cm or 24-40 in) and pale green to yellowish green calyx (tough outer petals that protect the bud before it opens).

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